GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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VISIT OF CAMBODIAN PRIME MINISTER
Y.S. VIVEKANANDA REDDY

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cambodian Prime Minister visited India in February, 2000;

(b) if so, the issues discussed with him;

(c) whether any bilateral agreements were signed on this occasion; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Prime Minister of Cambodia held talks with our President, Vice-President and Prime MinisterExternal Affairs Minister and Minister of Culture and Tourism called on him.

The two sides exchanged views on bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual interest and while expressing satisfaction at the expanding cooperation in various fields, agreed to strive to enhance it further. Prime Minister of Cambodia expressedsupport for India`s permanent membership of UN Security Council.He sought India`s technical support in higher education, satellite imagery and mapping, irrigation, seeds technology and Human Resource Development.Tourism has been identified as a thrust area between the two countries.

(c)& (d) The following four Agreements were signed during the visit:

(i) Agreement on setting up of a Joint Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological Cooperation,

(ii) MOU on Tourism Cooperation,

(iii) MOU on Cooperation in the field of Agriculture and allied sectors, and

(iv) Cultural Exchange Programme under the existing Cultural Agreement.